

Appln No.: 09/437,908
Amendment Dated: January 11, 2005
Reply to Office Action of October 5, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004 for the above-captioned application. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants request an extension of time sufficient to make this paper timely and enclose the fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 15-0610.

In the Official Action the Examiner indicated that claims 22-65, 68-102 and 104-107 were allowed, and that claims 18-21 and 67 would be allowable if amended to independent form. Applicants have now canceled the rejected claims 1, 7, 66 and 103. Applicants have also canceled some additional claims to avoid claims of duplicate scope. Claims 40 and 41 have been amended to be dependent on claim 82, the independent claim with the same scope as claim 23. Similarly, claim 56 has been amended to be dependent on claim 83, which has the same scope as canceled claim 37. This application is now believed to be in form for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

Should the Examiner have any additional matters that need consideration prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss them.

Respectfully submitted,



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